— बहुधात्विक नोड्यूल्स के लिए 1,50,000 वर्ग कि० मी० के समग्र अग्रणी राष्ट्र क्षेत्र का सर्वेक्षण

— चेन्नई में नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑव ओसियन टैक्नोलोजी (एनआईओटी) की स्थापना

— मछुआरों की सुरक्षा को बढ़ाने के लिए चार दक्षिणी राज्यों में नौ स्थानों पर संचार सुविधाओं की स्थापना की गई

कोयला मंत्रालय

समर्थित :

— वोर्सिल सैपेरेटर का औद्योगिक अनुप्रयोग

— धातुकर्म उद्योग के लिए अति स्वच्छ कोयले का विकास

— शार्ट वाल खनन की शुरुआत

खान मंत्रालय

समर्थित :

— औद्योगिक अनुप्रयोगों के लिए कॉलम फ्लोटेशन प्रौद्योगिकी

— खनन उद्योग के लिए ऊर्जा दक्ष सामग्री

विद्युत मंत्रालय

समर्थित :

— स्टेटकोन डायनेमिक वोल्टेज रिस्टोरर (डीवीआर) का विकास और परीक्षण

Gauge conversion on silchar-Lumding Section

*74. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a full-fledged office of Additional Chief Engineer (Engg.) at Silchar for execution of gauge conversion works of Silchar-Lumding section of N.F. Railway;

(b) if so, whether the said office has been provided full strength of manpower to execute the work;

(c) what are the reasons for not inviting tenders for carrying out the work and whether the survey report by RITES had already been submitted in part;

(d) by when the work is likely to be started and gauge conversion of Lumding-Silchar Section of NF Railway be completed; and

(e) which is the nodal agency to monitor the conversion work?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. There is no post of Addl. Chief Engineer in Railways at present such a designation existed before fourth Pay Commission. However, there is a full fledged office of Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction at Silchar for execution of gauge conversion work of Silchar-Lumding section.

(b) Yes, Sir. There is an office of Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction Lumding also headed by Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction with his Executives and Sub-ordinates for executing the work.

(c) The survey work for a total length of 170 km excluding 30 km stretch between Badarpur—Silchar has been entrusted to M/s RITES. Part estimate covering the length of 20 km from Lumding end has been submitted by M/s RITES, recently about a month back which is under scrutiny. Three contracts for earthwork and minor bridges in 30 km stretch between Badarpur and Silchar have already been awarded and work is in progress. Work in first 20 km from Lumding would also be taken up shortly for which preliminary arrangements are being made.

(d) The work has already been started and would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

(e) The nodal agency for monitoring the progress of the work is the General Manager/Construction, NF Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati.

रेल परियोजनाओं के निर्माण कार्य का रुकना

*75. **श्री कपिल सिब्बल:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि धनाभाव के कारण अनेक रेल परियोजनाओं का निर्माण कार्य रुक गया है;

(ख) यदि हा, तो दिसंबर, 1998 के अंत तक कुल कितनी परियोजनाएं निर्माणाधीन थीं और इनमें से कितनी परियोजनाओं का निर्माण कार्य धनाभाव के कारण रोक दिया गया था; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि वित्तीय वर्ष 1998-99 के दौरान कुछेक अन्य नयी परियोजनाओं का निर्माण कार्य प्रारंभ किया गया है; यदि हां, तो ये परियोजनाएं कौन-कौन सी हैं और चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान उनके निर्माण कार्य हेतु कुल कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री नीतीश कुमार): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी हां। यह सूचना 28.7.1998 को संसद में प्रस्तुत "रेल परियोजनाओं पर श्वेत पत्र" में उपलब्ध है।

Proposed Rally of KV Teachers

*76. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidhalaya Teachers' Associatioin is organising a rally in New Delhi, as a part of their phased agitation to press their various demands;

(b) if so, the details of their demands;

(c) whether any bilateral negotiations at Minister's level have since been held; and

(d) if so, the results thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOHSI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Rashtriya Kendriya Vidhalaya Adhyapak Sangh, one of the recognised teachers' association have submitted a charter of 21 demands. Their demands inter-alia include grant of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) grade to Yoga and Music Teachers, amendment in Primary Teacher (PRT) Scales of pay (Entry, Senior and Selection Scale), additonal increment for higher qualification to all teachers, extension of retirement age from 60-62 years, bonus to all Post Graduate Teachers (PGT). The demands are considered in accordance with the relevant rules and procedures.

The eligible Yoga teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have been granted TGT scales of pay at par with their counter-parts in the schools of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Some more demands are at various stages of consideration. The position in respect of other demands has been explained to the representatives of teachers' associations.

No request for bilateral negotiations has been received from Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh.

Manufacture of bulk drugs by Private Sector

*77. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow the private sector licence-free entry into manufacturing of five bulk drugs, so far reserved for the public sector;

(b) if so, what are the names of these five drugs; and

(c) what are the reasons for this decision?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Folic Acid, Tetracycline and Oxytetracycline.

(c) The reasons for de-reservation are:—

(i) Review of the reservation contemplated as per paragraph